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Ms. Quayle shown with Amidon E.S. 3rd Grade

MRS. QUAYLE VISITS THE SOUTHWEST BRANCH LIBRARY

by Thelma D. Jones



Mrs. Marilyn Quayle

There was a touch of spring in the air that added excitement to this special day. Mrs. Marilyn Quayle, wife of the Vice President, visited the Southwest Branch Library to participate in a ceremony to mark the distribution of 7,000 books to the students of Amidon Elementary School.

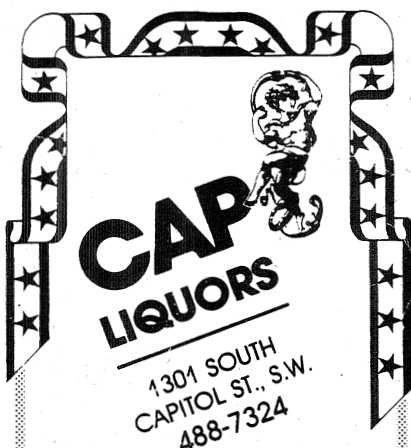
The books, with an estimated value of \$80,000, were donated to the Department of Education by Books for the World, a non-profit Mississippi-based company that receives new books gratis, direct from the publishers. According to Department of Education (DOE) official Dr. Richard T. LaPointe who was instrumental in coordinating the distribution of the books, the publisher donated the books to DOE with the stipulation that the books would be stamped, contributed to a non-profit organization, and actually handed directly to the children. The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly was identified as the non-profit

organization, a choice DOE made as a result of learning about it from S.W. Scholarship Chair Francine Vinson who is also a DOE official.

Mrs. Quayle, joined by DOE Deputy Under Secretary Easton, was graciously welcomed to the library through a receiving line orchestrated by Dr. Ben Igwe, Head Librarian. On line was SWNA President Margaret Feldman, S.W. Scholarship Chair Francine Vinson, Amidon School Principal Pauline S. Hamlette, several officials from the main branch of the D.C. Public Library, the Southwest Library, and Friends of the Library.

Mrs. Quayle made some opening remarks and then dramatically read portions of a story from *Favorite Tales From Grimm*, an exquisite collection of old favorite fairy tales suitable for all ages. Eagerly listening to her story were the third grade students from Amidon ES. DOE's

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Mrs. Quayle autographs donated books

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Adopt-A-School, along with their teachers. After the story, Mrs. Quayle posed for several photos and autographed over a dozen copies of the book.

Each student was then given a personal copy of *Favorite Tales From Grimm* and about five other books which were comfortably carried in colorful shopping bags provided by Reading is Fundamental (RIF). The bag also contained material for parents on how to use the library and information for teachers on how to teach reading better.

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1990 CANDIDATES FOR SWNA ELECTION

PRESIDENT

MARGARET FELDMAN

Retired professor of education and social work. Organized River Park's 25th Anniversary Celebration. Interested in working on problems our neighbors identify, and towards wider community participation in efforts to improve the quality of life in Southwest. Incumbent.

VICE PRESIDENT

EDGAR MEAD

Retired economist. Former Director of Public Transportation for New Hampshire. Volunteer reader, Amidon Elementary School; organizer of 1990 Southwest parade. Concerned about deteriorated housing with attendant drug/alcohol problems. Incumbent.

SECRETARY

LaNORMA HUGGINS

Contract specialist, Interlog, US Dept. of State. Graduate of University of South Alabama, BA in Finance. Interested in joining in activities to serve the community.

TREASURER

LONNIE MURRAY

Resident of Southwest since 1972. Former official in commercial finance firm; former Treasurer, Harbour Square Owners, Inc. Now renovating and restoring real estate. Interested in community service.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AT LIBRARY

Application forms for grants to college students from the Southwest Scholarship Fund are available at the S.W. Branch Library, 920 Wesley Place, S.W.

SWNA Scholarship Fund Grants are open to any resident of near Southwest D.C. (north of the Anacostia River in zip code 20024).

Application deadline is **May 1, 1990**. Applications must be accompanied by an acceptance letter from the college or university the applicant expects to attend, or proof that he or she is currently enrolled. Letters of recommendation are also required.

Fundraising by the Scholarship Committee will include various special events. Donations can be made by mail to: SWNA Southwest Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 70481, Wash., D.C. 20024. Checks should be made out to S.W. Community Council Inc. Funds are deposited to the tax-exempt S.W. Community Council and awarded to students during the summer. All gifts are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

DISTRICT 1 REPRESENTATIVES

(North of M Street, West of 4th Street)
Vote for 2

JUNE LIVINGSTON

Staff member, Employment and Housing Subcommittee: Committee on Government Operations, House of Representatives; has served on staff of ACTION and AID. Enthusiastic for community service.

WILLIE LLOYD REEVES

Past chair, Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D; past President of SWNA. President of Employees' Union at Federal Communications Commission. Incumbent.

DISTRICT 2 REPRESENTATIVES

(North of M Street, East of 4th Street)
Vote for 3

DAVID BREWER

Born and raised in Southwest, attended Southwest public schools. Graduate in Criminal Justice at St. Augustine College. Now employed in DC law firm, aiming for a legal career. Hopes to continue his family's commitment to community service.

CHARLES HARGRAVE

Southwest resident since 1962. Past President of SWNA. Past Chair, 1st District Police Advisory Council. Will work for an independent SWNA, yet interdependent with other area organizations. Incumbent.

JEFF MASON

Project Director of Smart Start, a teenage pregnancy prevention program. Continues to be concerned about the Southwest community. Incumbent.

DISTRICT 3 REPRESENTATIVES

(South of M Street, West of Delaware Ave.)
Vote for 3

WALTER BROOKS

Long-time resident of Southwest; former teacher, DC Public Schools; member and former chairman, SWNA Youth Activities Task Force.

IVANA GARZA

Co-chair, Theatre Workshops. Resides at Fort McNair with her husband, Sgt. Major Garza. Native of Virginia.

CAPTAIN LUCIA RAPLEY

Active in SWNA since its establishment. Retired officer, Army Nurse Corps; M.Ed., Howard University. Incumbent.

LORETTA LAVERNE REEVES

President, Board of Directors, Southwest Community House. 1987 Grass Roots Award, DC Federation of Civic Associations. Active in SW/SE Youth Conference, Black History Committee. Incumbent.

DISTRICT 4 REPRESENTATIVES

(South of M Street, East of Delaware Ave.)
Vote for 3

LAVONNIA D. JOHNSON

Ten year resident of Southwest. current member of SWNA Board and Chair, ANC 2-D.

EMMA WARD

Southwest resident for more than 12 years. Graduate of UDC and University of Maryland. Food program specialist with U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Incumbent.

NO OTHER CANDIDATES

"FOOD AND FRIENDS"

Food and Friends, a nonprofit community organization established in 1988 provides meals to homebound persons with AIDS in the Washington area.

Food and Friends delivery volunteers pick up meals from the centers and then deliver to clients in their areas. Drop-off centers are also in Virginia and Maryland. Food and Friends is the only existing organization in the city serving meals to persons with AIDS. In the near future, the organization plans to serve over 100 people daily. Those interested in volunteering should call 488-8278.

ANC 2-D MEETING

The next meeting of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2-D will be **Monday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 400 Eye Street, S.W. All are welcome.**

SWNA HOLDS ANNUAL ELECTION

Annual Elections for the Board will be held **Friday, March 23, 3-7 p.m.** and **Saturday, March 24, 9-6 p.m.** in the Safeway Lobby.

Clara Brewer (484-8692), Jean Macdonald (554-0524), and Elysse Smith are the Nominating Committee and are inviting people to run for the Board. New people move into our area each year, and others decide finally they are ready to help in the community. Please come forward and nominate yourself or a friend. We will find some activity for you.

The Election Committee is chaired by Carol Early (488-3355). Please contact Ms. Early if you'd like to make a nomination for Board Member, or if you'd like to help manage the polling place or count the ballots.

PEOPLE IN SOUTHWEST

THROUGH THE EYES

by Gilbert Leggett



Clara Brewer

CLARA BREWER MOTHER OF SOUTHWEST

When you think about your mother, words like understanding, patience, warmth and love come to mind.

Clara Brewer is all those words and more to her family. She is the tower of strength that typifies a mother's concern for her children and community.

Born in Raleigh, North Carolina, Ms. Brewer moved to Southwest, Washington in 1951. She became a community activist two years later, initially working with the Southwest Civic Association at Second Baptist Church and the local PTA.

"The education of my children is very dear to me. Having an education provides opportunities for good jobs and owning one's home. I wanted my kids to escape from what I had to endure growing during segregation. This has been my inspiration. I'm very proud of all my kids," says Ms. Brewer.

This wonderful mother can boastfully say she has defied the odds. Raising eight children as a widower living in public housing. Six of her children have graduated from college so far, with two receiving their Master's degrees.

"I was determined to make social statistics a lie. Women can raise a family as head of households. I believe that every child can learn and achieve. Start kids early in life (in the cradle) by making them feel wanted and needed. I took my kids to the museums and parades to expose them to a lot," stressed Ms. Brewer.

Involving herself in anything that had to do with children, Ms. Brewer was President of Jefferson JHS PTA for eight years. She found time to actively participate in many local organizations and churches.

MARION ROSEN PROJECT ENCOURAGEMENT

If you ever need encouragement, see a doctor. In this case, visit Dr. Marion C. Rosen, Ed.D., for a dose of human enrichment injected by her wonderful smile.

Dr. Rosen has been a River Park resident for 12 years. She's spent the greater part of her life sharing good will.

A native of the Bronx, New York, she received her Bachelors degree from American International, her Masters from Boston University and PH.D from George Washington University.

With all this extensive training, Dr. Rosen became a counselor at Dunbar and Woodson High Schools and Kramer Junior High. She spent 17 years in the D.C. Public School system winning local and national awards as Counselor of the Year for her innovative training.

She created a parent education course called, "Project Encouragement" which trained counselors, administrators and educators in understanding students.

"I love working with people, helping them improve interpersonal relationships.

Many years ago local students had to have special permission to attend Amidon School. Ms. Brewer worked with a community group that fought for equality in education. Their proposal placed students in the 1st and 2nd grades at Syphax, 3rd and 4th grades at Amidon and 5th and 6th grades at Bowen. Their persistence ultimately lead to our current system which does not require local students special permission.

When Western HS closed (now Duke Ellington School for the Arts), she worked with a group that created Randall Marine Science & Aerospace School so that kids could attend high school in Southwest. The Board of Education accepted the concept but would not fund the school, which lasted five years.

Most recently Ms. Brewer has volunteered with the Washington Parent Group Fund, been an active board member of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly and the COMSAT group that donated over a million dollars to Jefferson JHS.

"I would like to see the Southwest community more cohesive, with people talking, thinking and working together. Our common goal should be enriching the lives of our young people through education. Ten years ago in Channel Square we had an International Food Festival. Now you can't even get our senior citizens nor our young Black professionals to come into Greenleaf Annex," expressed Ms. Brewer.

As we closed our conversation, I asked her what would it take to bring the Southwest community together for one common cause? As she pondered for a while, she finally responded..."an international think tank maybe!"



Dr. Marion Rosen

As a child I was a member of the Jr. NAACP and believe people should not be afraid to sit together and get to know one another," says Dr. Rosen.

Her exuberant smile penetrates anyone immediately. For example, 3 years ago there was a vandalism problem at River Park's pool. Dr. Rosen decided to deal with the children directly. She was able to win over the kids and get their cooperation.

"Interacting with the kids was most important. I asked them to a meeting which led to monthly meetings for the group. The open discussion helped lessen the vandalism intrusion," explains Dr. Rosen.

One member of the group suggested a tutoring program. Dr. Rosen met with the principal of Bowen ES, Mr. Wells, about the idea. She wrote notices and recruited River Park residents. After inviting parents, students and volunteers, "River Park/Bowen ES Good Neighbor Tutoring Program" was born. This special project started with 12 pairs of students and volunteers matched together once a week. It has grown to 21 tutor/student pairs, who work on improving reading and math skills.

"In the beginning we had some problems about attendance. We called parents and encouraged students to commit to regularly attending the sessions. We do everything possible before a student gets lost," adds Dr. Rosen.

Dr. Rosen is certainly a very special person in our community. Her ideals and leadership ability should be a model for us all. When this community seems confused and in disarray, we should lotion ourselves down with a little "Project Encouragement." Maybe it may spread all over the city. And it won't cost us a penny!



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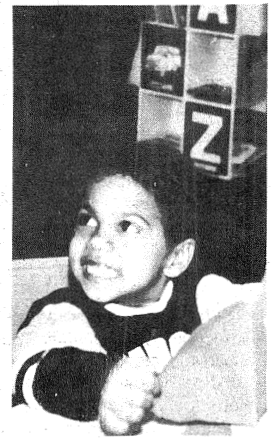
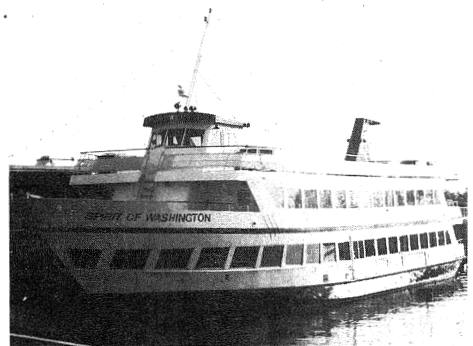
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COMMUNITY

LARRY REMEMBERS
JANUARY 11

by Marguarite Gilstrap

Larry Tillman, a fifth grader at Bowen School, will quickly tell you the date he found a tutor in reading and math. It was Thursday, January 11. He learned about the Good Neighbor Tutoring Program at a party he and his mother attended at River Park.

He received the invitation to the party at school. It said in part, "Residents of River Park want to be your friends. They want to help you learn. You and your parents will meet with your tutor and decide together the best time each week during which you will work."

Larry and his tutor agreed to meet at 6 p.m. Monday and Wednesday. That's when she gets home from work. She is Dell Foss, Director of the Office of Sponsored Projects at the Smithsonian Institute. She volunteered for the tutoring program when she leased an apartment at River Park and asked to remain a volunteer after she bought a townhouse at Carrollsburg.

On a recent Monday, Larry was waiting in the lobby when Ms. Foss hurried in. They were given a key to the library lounge where they continued to work on the material he will use in a poster about



Dell Foss Tutors Larry Tillman

Alabama. Though he has never been to Alabama, has no relatives there, he knows a great deal about the state. His room at the school library is in the series of the *Beautiful* series by Sylvia Mc

Larry and Ms. Foss also work on a lesson in *Ride the Sunrise*, and talk about business people, and talk about interests in sports, especially. Larry and Ms. Foss enjoy their time together and don't want to miss one.

SWNA DRUG AND
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MEETING

The Office of the Attorney General, State Of Florida, the Jacksonville, Florida Sheriff's Office and the Jacksonville Urban League, Inc. has invited Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy and SWNA's Drug And Crime Task Force to participate in the Attorney General's Fifth National Conference on Preventing Crime in the Black Community, March 28-31, 1990, in Jacksonville, Florida.

Congressman Fauntroy has been invited to give the keynote address on Thursday, March 29, 8:30 a.m.

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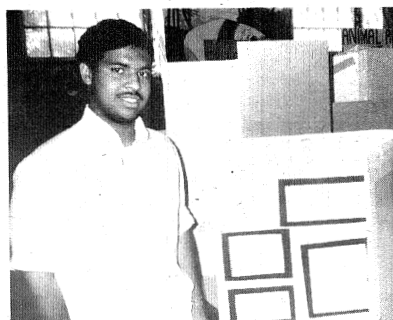
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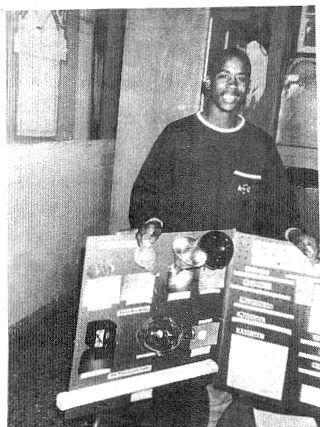
Ali Gordon Honorable Mention



Antonio Haileselassie



Tiffany Williams



Rodney Horns Honorable Mention

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Ali Gordon won Honorable Mention in Engineering and Rodney Horns won Honorable Mention in Physics at the Wilson High Science Fair. Antonio Haileselassie and Tiffany Williams of Southwest, also entered the fair.

Ali Gordon's research project compared the strength of trusses with cross supports in engineering construction. Rodney Horns project measured the brightness of different incandescent, fluorescent and gas electric light bulbs.



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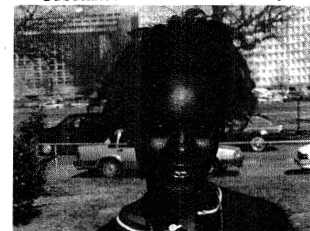
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EDITORIAL

ASK MARION—

This is a new feature column for readers of the Southwester. It will focus on helping parents and children better understand and communicate with each other. Its ultimate goal is to create more harmonious relationships within the family.

Dr. Marion C. Rosen was a Counselor in the D.C. Public Schools for 17 years. she developed Project ENCOURAGEMENT and taught its principles to hundreds of parents and school personnel.

Send your questions in for Dr. Marion Rosen to discuss.

"Dear Dr. Rosen:

My four year old son is getting very hard to handle. Whatever I tell him not to do is just the thing that he WILL do. Even after I spank him he still continues to be bad. If I cannot control him now, what will he be like as he gets older?"

"I can understand your concern, both for now and the future. By now you must have decided that spanking and other physical punishments do not have a lasting effect. While for the moment your son may stop his annoying behavior, he soon goes back to it or to some other equally frustrating behavior.

Since this method is not working for you, how about trying something different? Look at your son's behavior in terms of "what purpose does it serve?" He gets your attention, doesn't he? Even a spanking is better than no attention at all. He also shows you his power. You may try to force his obedience, but he refuses to obey. Look within yourself. Are you feeling angry with him? If so, and I guess you are, then you may be pretty sure that you are in a power struggle with him. Power struggles are not good for either of you, neither are they winnable, least of all by the parent. Children find all sorts of ways to outwit us.

So, give up the power struggle. Misbehaving children are discouraged children. What you child needs is encouragement.

Pay attention to him when he is behaving properly. Let him know that you appreciate his good behavior. If he has played quietly for a while tell him how pleased you were to see him do that. Offer to read him a story, not because he was good (we'll talk about bribery in another column), but because that would be a pleasing thing for both of you to do together.

Use encouraging words and phrases with him. (Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope for my list of encouraging words.) Watch for little signs of improvement. A quick hug and no words will make him feel SO GOOD.

Let me know how things are going".

Marion C. Rosen, Ed.D.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH

What do you like about living in Southwest Washington?



Tim Barret

"I like walking to the monuments."



Alvin Toye

"To walk down by the water it's peaceful."



Mat Vadenscearce

"Everything!"



Frank Brown & Roxann

"It's close to work."



Debby Harwick

"I wake up, go out the back door and jog to all the monuments and when the sun is shining, nothing is better."



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"Walk to the supermarket."

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On February 2, 1990, Robert P. Pincus, President and Chief Executive Officer of Sovran Bank/D.C. National gave Drug and Task Force Chairman Atkins Warren a check for \$1,000.

Along with the check, Mr. Pincus sent a letter advising "Sovran Bank is pleased to support your fundraising efforts. Enclosed is our check for \$1,000. We wish you great success on this important project".

Ms. Patricia Shannon, Senior Vice President and spokesperson for Sovran Bank/D.C. National said "the bank is pleased to assist Mr. Warren and other community volunteers who give so generously of their time to help our children in the southwest community.

People who care and who reach out to help others do make a difference. We salute your efforts and wish you great success."

Chairman Warren noted the Task Force's thanks. Further advising this was their first cash donation. The check and letter have been photocopied, framed and will always be in a position of prominence as the task force efforts continue.

On questions regarding the Task Force, call 554-3634 or write to Post Office Box 70197, Washington, D.C. 20024.



SWNA Drug and Crime Task Force

YATF/CRIME & DRUG TASK FORCE FUNDRAISER

Over 200 people are expected to attend the jointly-sponsored fundraiser of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Youth Activities Task Force and Crime & Drug Task Force on **Thursday, April 12**. The event will be held at the Harbour Square's Club Room, 520 N Street, S.W. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Activities for the evening will include a short program emceed by YATF member Charlotte K. Brooks, refreshments and music. Also, Robin Williams will perform. Jefferson Junior High Principal Vera M. White and Associate Director of National Drug Control Policy, Reggie D. Walton will be the honorees. Donations at a minimum of \$25 (payable to the Southwest Community Council, Inc.) can be mailed to P.O. Box 70197, Washington, D.C. 20024. Help support the community and Southwest youth by attending this worthwhile activity. For additional information, please call Walter Brooks (554-4528) or Warren Atkins (554-3634).

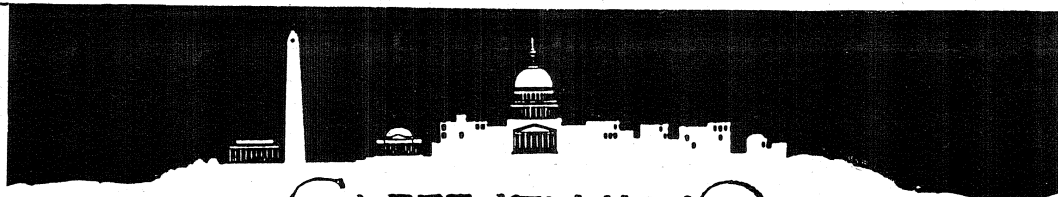
YATF SUMMER JOB PROGRAM

The Youth Activities Task Force is seeking youngsters between the ages of 14 and 21 for its summer job program. To participate in the program, you *must* have the following information: applicant referral request, birth certificate, social security card, proof of residency, proof of family income, and some form of identification. Applicant referral forms may be obtained at the Southwest Branch Library (Wesley & K Streets, S.W.).

A ten-week orientation training session will be held every Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m., beginning **April 14-June 23** at the Southwest Library. The sessions will cover the basic job skills (preparation of resume, punctuality, deportment, money management) and values education. Incentives such as a complimentary breakfast and awards will be offered to youth with perfect attendance to the sessions. Some participants with perfect attendance will also be eligible for a complimentary two-week Metro Flash Pass and a Savings Bond. The training session will culminate with a picnic in a nearby park. For information regarding the applicant referral forms or training sessions, please call Thelma Jones, Training Coordinator, at 488-3746.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Saint Dominic's Church, 6th and E Streets S.W., is sponsoring a community wide Yard and Bake Sale on **Saturday, March 31, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** and **Sunday, April 1, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Proceeds of the sale will benefit the Southwest Community House.



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They have thirty employees. Recently the restaurant was remodeled and expanded, adding a lounge and carry-out service.

Henry manages the place, working 14 hour days. Jenny does the greeting because many people know her from earlier days at the boutique. They have two daughters ages 9 and 13. The family resides in McLean, Virginia.

"There is a friendly atmosphere here. I really love the neighborhood and the children. People living in Southwest feel very safe and comfortable," says Jenny.

When asked about their keys to success she explains, "Know the area, hire good people and remember the customer is always right."

The couple has contributed much to our city and community. They've donated food and money to the Boys and Girls Club, the Blind Association, the Assembly and area churches. Also, a Cherry Blossom tree was donated by them to the U.S. Park Service.

They plan on remaining here another 10 years, then retiring to enjoy their home and family.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS AND BOYS CANDY DRIVE



Southwest Camp Fire Girls By Vietnam War Memorial

"Worship God... give service, ... and be happy" were the words of the Camp Law repeated by the jubilant group of Camp Fire Girls and Boys at their recently held D.C. Regional "Candy Camp Fire Kick Off Drive." More than 200 enthusiastic adults and youth (ages 7-15) from the metropolitan area attended the day-long event held at Channel Square's Multipurpose Room. Among the attendees were Jennifer Cover, Executive Director,

Camp Fire Boys and Girls, Potomac Area Council and Margaret Feldman, President, S.W. Neighborhood Assembly. Both Cover and Feldman spoke briefly, commending the Camp Fire members for their spirit and hard work. President Feldman surprised the members by telling them of her adventures as a Camp Fire Girl and noted that "boys were not a part of the organization at that time."

Activities included singing Camp Fire songs, role playing on candy selling techniques, awarding of door prizes, and enjoying lots of refreshments. The event culminated with a successful disco fundraiser.

The "Candy Kick Off Drive" was hosted by the Southwest Camp Fire "Roving Road Burners" Club 6-676, a name adopted by its members because of their busy schedule. Under the leadership of Channel Square residents Gwena Bolding and Yvonne Gist, Club 6-676 has held a food, clothing and toy drive, for which the items were donated to the senior citizens and homeless at Arthur Capper Center in Southeast. During one of December's coldest days, Club 6-676 walked from Southwest to the District Building with their spirit in tact to help feed the homeless. In recognition of Vietnam Veterans, the Club made and displayed a sign at the Vietnam War Memorial which read "S.W. Camp Fire Club 6-676 wants to thank our Veterans for serving our Country."

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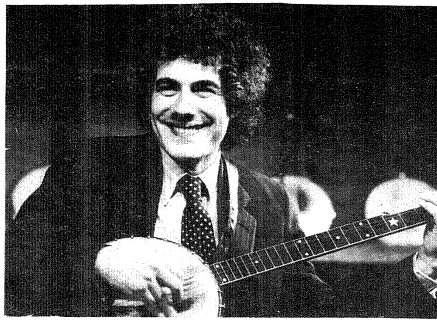
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by Sonte B. DuCote

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Quoting Saroyan, Wade poetically states, "It takes a lot of rehearsing for a man to be himself," which doesn't seem hard for Wade, who has found his niche in the theater, combining banjo playing with the



Stephen Wade At The Old Vat Room

oral tradition. This combination works very well together, and Wade proves to be an extraordinary actor, conveying the essence of the character's personalities through his innocent facial expressions, and presenting those characters with unique wit and charm.

The setting is that of a log cabin, complete with fire place and a view of the mountains. An array of banjos and electric guitars decorate an entire wall, and Wade affectionately refers to them as if they too are characters.

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by Sandra Milloy Baber

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In the early 80's many in our State Department were telling the AFL-CIO not to waste their money supporting the Solidarity movement in Poland. In the last quarter of the 80's many of the same people were taking credit for that movement towards freedom and the achievement of Solidarity. Even as many in our government take credit for the movement in South Africa.

Remembrances of history differ. Does it matter how we remember the past? Does the truth matter? I think it is the nub of how we respond to the present and what future we move towards in Southwest Washington.

I remember much of the 80's as presided over by the politics of fear, and as a time when justice and freedom were constantly threatened. Now there seems to be a growing politics of hope with movements towards justice and freedom picking up such momentum that it threatens those who would resist it. How did this happen?

Some who play the politics of fear claim that it was their threats which produced the new movements of hope. I think the truth is different. Certainly the politics of fear has been part of the context out of which the new politics of hope has grown. Not however the cause. Countless individuals have not listened to the scenarios scripted for them by the wise and powerful. The mass of those who act on hope rather than fear has grown large enough to begin shaping the course of nations, and those looking on say that something new has suddenly happened.

If you listen only to the wise and powerful, or even to the opinions of many on the street, our community can seem hopeless with its overwhelming problems and the fears with which so many live. But, you may not see nor be aware of the hope which motivates many others in their actions towards a better Southwest community for all. We are present, and growing in Southwest, and at some point when things begin to seem sudden to the wise, in reality it may be only that one more person acting on the politics of hope.

The politics of hope cannot be manufactured or controlled. It is far more powerful than the politics of fear. Get to know those who are motivated by hope; some of it might rub off. You might become that one person whose weight affects the mass and sets off the transformation.



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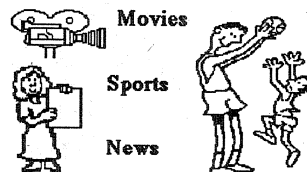
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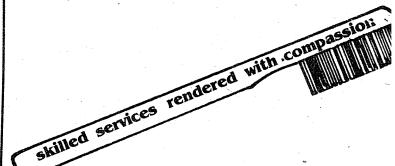
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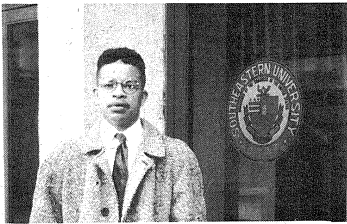
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SOUTHEASTERN'S ERIC HARLEY

by Ron Cooke

Eric Harley is one of many young Southwest residents with a sense of pride and dedication that he wants to share with the community. He has lived in Southwest for 17 of his 22 years.

He is presently Vice President of the Student Government Association at Southeastern University and a sophomore majoring in marketing. His duties as Vice President include organizing panel discussions on the African American student, and what they should be looking for in the 1990's. He admires filmmaker Spike Lee because of his ability to bring forth issues that involve the history of African Americans, and that should be recognized by young people.

In the summer he loves to shoot 'round ball' and he used to play at Amidon Elementary School before the baskets were removed. Now he goes to Jefferson JHS, Randall Recreation Center on South Capitol Street to play. He has also worked with the Mayor's Summer Youth Leadership Program. During his free time he works with his mother's company Kemet Productions as a talent coordinator for the Apollo Theater in New York City, and they are involved with many arts organizations including Southwest Riverfest.

Mr. Harley attended public school in the District and graduated from the School Without Walls in 1986.

As a proud and active member of Omega Psi Phi fraternity since 1988, he helps to fulfill their goal of community service. During Christmas they work to help the homeless and Toys For Tots and they also work the food line at Martha's Table, a project that they would like to establish in Southwest. They also want to start a program in the neighborhood called "Q Kids" for parents that want to further their education. Omega Psi Phi would volunteer to watch children while parents attend college on Saturdays.

Mr. Harley believes that young people should, "teach another young person, get our degree and take some of your knowledge and put it back into your community." Eric Harley is truly someone to look up to in southwest.

UNCF COLLEGES ARE MAKING AN IMPACT

by Mary France Gordon

The United Negro College Fund's 41 private historically black colleges and universities have made great gains in their efforts on behalf of African American students during times when there is growing concern about their declining enrollment in higher education. There is an astounding 42 percent increase in freshmen applications, an increase in the number of degrees awarded, more faculty earning doctorate degrees, and a 13 percent salary increase for full professors since 1988.

Christopher Edley, CEO of the Fund, cites, "The exciting growth of UNCF institutions is due to strong leadership from the college presidents, and with their leadership, our historically black colleges are experiencing a renaissance." For more information on these trends from the UNCF Statistical Report, contact the UNCF Research Department, Suite 830, 120 Ralph McGill Boulevard, Atlanta, GA 30308.

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TAX COURT DECISION MAKES HOME OFFICE DEDUCTION EASIER

A recent U.S. Tax Court decision involving a Virginia physician has liberalized the requirements for claiming a home office deduction, thus making it easier for taxpayers maintaining an office in their homes to claim a deduction on their 1989 tax return. The case, Soliman vs. Commissioner, involved the doctor's exclusive use of one of the bedrooms within his apartment for the management and administration of his medical practice where he spent up to three hours a day working.

A key issue in the court's decision was the fact that none of the hospitals where the physician practiced, provided him with office space. The court found that he had no alternative office space available and that services performed were essential to his business, thus making the home office a necessity. For Southwest residents having similar circumstances, it is important to note that the IRS and the Tax Court will examine similar cases on an individual basis.

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RANDALL CHILD CARE PERFORMANCE

Randall Early Childhood Center, at South Capital and "I" Streets, S.W., held its Fourth Annual Black History Month Celebration, on Friday February 16, 1990.

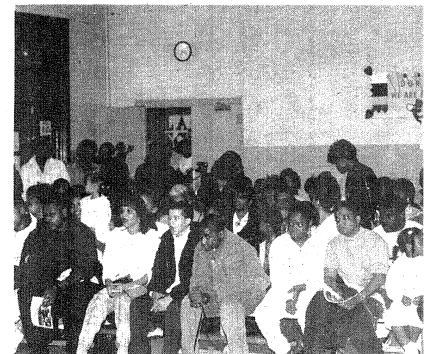
The center, which is part of the D.C. Department of Recreation and Parks Early Childhood Branch, is the daytime home of 33 area children. All of the children participated in this charming and informative program.

Highlights of this wonderful program were: a reenactment of the Montgomery Bus Boycott, songs and greetings in Swahili, creative movement and dance, and a presentation of a plaque to a Black community leader, the chief of the Early Childhood Branch of the Department of Recreation, Mrs. Lorena Satterfield.

To round out a most delightful evening, a young man, Mr. Erick R. Alexander, gave a dramatic recitation, from memory, of Dr. Martin Luther King's famous "I Have A Dream" speech. The evening was concluded with a soul food extravaganza, the food being donated by the families and friends of the center.

The most impressive aspect of this evening was that the performances (with the exception of Mr. Alexander's) were carried out entirely by 2-5 year-olds.

The center's staff, Yvonne-Cavers-Kukla, Child Care Specialist, Jean Puryear, Education Technician, Norine Gorham, Education Child Care Assistant, and Chanel Fogle, Child Care Assistant, organized a program that the center, the parents, and our community can all take pride in.



HOLY WEEK AT SAINT DOMINIC'S CHURCH

Activities for Palm Sunday (April 8) and Easter Sunday (April 15) at Saint Dominic's Catholic Church follow the regular Sunday schedules except the Easter Vigil Services begin at 8:00 p.m. on Holy Saturday. A special Children's Liturgy will be celebrated at 9:45 a.m. on Palm Sunday and a Children's Egg Hunt will take place after the 9:45 a.m. Mass on Easter.

During the week preceding Easter there will be a Seder Meal on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. and a Reconciliation Service on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. The Holy Thursday Liturgy begins at 8:00 p.m. On Good Friday the Three Hours Devotion will begin at Noon and the Evening Services will be at 8:00 p.m.

Saint Dominic's Parish extending a special greeting to all members of the religious community in Southwest at the Holy time of the year.

SWEETHEART BALL—

On February 10, 1990 the Learning Tree Preschool and Before and After Care educational enrichment program located at 4th & I Streets, S.W. held its first Valentines Sweetheart Ball. The ball was a big success. The children danced and danced. A King and Queen of the Ball were selected. Anthony Miner, 7 years old and Amber Drummond, 9 years old, were chosen because of their academic excellence. Both are honor roll students at Amidon Elementary and received the highest number of perfect scores in computer testing given at the Learning Tree.

When it was announced that Nelson Mandela would be freed the children shouted their joy and dedicated a dance to Nelson & Winnie Mandela.

In addition, the Learning Tree has computer programming classes for children 5 years and up on Saturdays and Young Technocrats meetings for 4 years old and up once a month. For further information on these activities, please call 479-4387.

NEW ADVERTISING MANAGER FOR SOUTHWESTER



Dottie Albera

Eugene Buehler is the new advertising manager for *The Southwester*. He is taking over for Dottie Albera, who served for 12 years. Mr. Buehler is a long-time resident of Southwest and has been an active participant in many community organizations and civic activities involving the Southwest community.

Mrs. Albera has had many years in the field of selling since her early experience as a teenager selling her mother's fresh baked rolls door-to-door. She is reluctantly giving up her post with *The Southwester* because she and her husband plan to move out of the area.

She has earned the appreciation of the Assembly and the trust of our advertisers, while keeping *The Southwester* financially secure.



ROTATE... A BIT WILDLY

by Albert Rosen, Ph.D.

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